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                  IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
                 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
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                            WESTERN DIVISION
   JOSEPH LAUDICINA,
                                       Docket No. 17 C 50177
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                     Plaintiff,
                                     ) Rockford, Illinois
                                       Tuesday, April 10, 2018
                                       10:00 o'clock a.m.
 5 vs.
 6 CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE,
   et al.,
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                     Defendant.
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                      TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
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                BEFORE THE HONORABLE IAIN D. JOHNSTON
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- 1 THE CLERK: Calling 17 CV 50177, Laudicina v. City of
- 2 Crystal Lake, et al.
- 3 MR. FOUTRIS: Good morning, your Honor. Basileios
- 4 Foutris for the Plaintiff.
- 5 THE COURT: Good morning, Mr. Foutris.
- 6 MR. BRUEGGEN: Good morning, Judge. Dave Brueggen on
- 7 behalf of the Defendants.
- 8 THE COURT: Good morning.
- 9 All right. I have the parties' filings. I have the
- 10 motion, Mr. Foutris's response. I have read those and done my
- 11 own research. I have thought about it.
- 12 It is your motion. Let me hear from you. And then I
- 13 will hear from Mr. Foutris. And then we will see where we go.
- 14 MR. BRUEGGEN: Judge, as we laid out in the motion,
- 15 we think there is, if you will, two elements to this. There
- 16 is one where the mental records are relevant to the factual
- 17 situation. The Escobedo case talked about that you should
- 18 consider the Plaintiff be taken as he comes to the incident.
- 19 There is many statements by many witnesses, including
- 20 Plaintiff's sister-in-law.
- 21 THE COURT: The Escobedo case -- I already
- 22 interrupted you, and I apologize -- that's a trial case, not a
- 23 discovery case?
- 24 MR. BRUEGGEN: Correct, Judge. They had allowed
- 25 discovery on it. This is admissibility at trial. So, again,

- 1 here we are just on discoverability.
- 2 So the day of the incident, the Plaintiff made
- 3 several suicidal comments to multiple people, which begs the
- 4 question of whether this is potential suicide by cop, and then
- 5 there is a history of his suicidal statements, including three
- 6 suicidal -- three hospitalizations in the seven months before.
- 7 So that's kind of, if you will, relevant to the facts of the
- 8 situation and what happened on that event.
- 9 Then there is the second part, which is the relevancy
- 10 to damages. Again, we believe the Plaintiff has put his
- 11 mental state at issue because he is seeking recovery for
- 12 emotional anxiety and mental trauma. It is not just simple
- 13 garden variety. I know he said that. But if you look at the
- 14 cases, there is some question about this garden variety. The
- 15 Doe case, I believe, is the one from the Seventh Circuit that
- 16 talks about opening the door, and a more recent case is Taylor
- 17 that interprets Doe as the broad interpretation. So if you
- 18 are seeking any mental health or emotional damages, you have
- 19 opened the door to all of them, because they don't know if
- 20 this whole idea of garden variety, how that can be done
- 21 effectively at trial where a plaintiff says, "Oh, I feel sad,"
- 22 but then the defense is unable to question that without
- 23 possibly opening the door.
- 24 THE COURT: We kind of do that all the time, though,
- 25 don't we?

- 1 MR. BRUEGGEN: We try, Judge, yes. To some extent,
- 2 it can be -- I'm not saying it can be done, but I think the
- 3 Flowers case really laid out the difficulty of this, about
- 4 what is/is not, what is in/what is out, that there can be
- 5 difficulty in doing that. Obviously, at trial, I think that
- 6 is more of an admissibility thing down the road, not
- 7 necessarily a discoverability thing.
- 8 Then the third element is just the Plaintiff, we
- 9 anticipate, is going to claim disability or ongoing
- 10 disability. We think it is appropriate to know what his level
- 11 of functioning was prior to the incident versus level of
- 12 functioning after the incident, and, unfortunately, mental
- 13 health does play a role in someone's functioning in society
- 14 and ability.
- THE COURT: The Flowers case, which, of course, Judge
- 16 Cole -- this is classic Judge Cole. So now you have every
- 17 case you ever need to know on the issue discussed in one
- 18 opinion. Because I'm wearing a black robe, I can say this,
- 19 because I have immunity.
- I started my question with "We do it all the time."
- 21 The clear problem in that is the plaintiff's attorney.
- 22 Mr. Foutris is not that attorney. I have dealt with both of
- 23 those. It's night and day, very different.
- 24 So that's kind of where the issue went sideways in
- 25 Flowers, is in the deposition, plaintiff's counsel misbehaves,

- 1 let's say, and started testifying about the scope of what
- 2 garden variety would be, and his interpretation of what garden
- 3 variety is is not in any rational human being's interpretation
- 4 of garden variety. So that's where that is.
- 5 So what Judge Cole does, and it makes sense from
- 6 judicial management, after he goes through the -- lays out all
- 7 the factors and those types of things and the different
- 8 analyses, basically comes to the point of based upon what
- 9 plaintiff had testified to in his deposition and what
- 10 plaintiff's counsel is saying he thinks garden variety is, it
- 11 is not garden variety, and he has basically opened up the
- 12 whole. So it is all at issue. So you can't have it both as a
- 13 sword and a shield, which is the concept.
- 14 So a very helpful case, but factually distinct
- 15 because of that kind of angle on it. So I get that.
- 16 Anything else?
- 17 MR. BRUEGGEN: Judge, just to kind of build on that,
- 18 that's at a different point. That would be later down the
- 19 line than the Flowers case, where earlier --
- THE COURT: You haven't taken the deposition, right?
- MR. BRUEGGEN: Yes. I'm just trying to head off that
- 22 issue because it seemed like they had an agreement in that
- 23 case and then things kind of spun out of control. I don't see
- 24 that happening here, but, again, it is just better to consider
- 25 it now and address it now than to come down the line and all

- 1 of a sudden have to redo a bunch of discovery because things
- 2 have changed or something of that nature.
- 3 Then the last thing is there is no better source of
- 4 the evidence available other than obtaining his mental health
- 5 records, and, obviously, we can do that in a very tight -- you
- 6 know, we don't have to go back ten years. We can do a very
- 7 tight --
- 8 THE COURT: What kind of time frame? Because ten
- 9 years is too long.
- 10 MR. BRUEGGEN: Yes. I mean, we would do it -- I
- 11 think we asked for five years, but I think even two years
- 12 before would be relevant, and then, obviously, subsequent. So
- 13 it would be, basically, a total of -- you are looking at about
- 14 five years, two years before and then it is almost like three
- 15 years after.
- 16 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else?
- MR. BRUEGGEN: No, that's it, Judge. Thank you.
- 18 THE COURT: Sorry for interrupting you.
- 19 Go ahead, Mr. Foutris.
- 20 MR. FOUTRIS: I, obviously, disagree.
- THE COURT: With what?
- 22 MR. FOUTRIS: With pretty much everything he said.
- 23 THE COURT: Okay. You can disagree with me, too.
- 24 That's fine.
- MR. FOUTRIS: First of all, I will start off with we

- 1 did take Defendant Krol's deposition yesterday.
- 2 THE COURT: Okay.
- 3 MR. FOUTRIS: He did verify he knew nothing about the
- 4 Plaintiff's state of sobriety, knew nothing about his mental
- 5 health. He never interacted with him before. He may have
- 6 interacted with him prior years before, but he wasn't sure of
- 7 when he actually arrested the Plaintiff's brother. He said
- 8 that the Plaintiff might have been present at that time, but
- 9 he doesn't know. So to start with, the Defendant himself knew
- 10 nothing about the Plaintiff's mental health.
- 11 THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. FOUTRIS: And as far as the interaction itself,
- 13 there was nothing of the interaction itself that would, based
- 14 on what the Defendant had said, that would essentially put him
- 15 on notice that, perhaps, there was a mental health issue,
- 16 because he showed up on the scene, and he told the Plaintiff
- 17 to "Freeze, police." The Plaintiff didn't. He kept walking
- 18 away. Then at some point he turned around and charged at
- 19 them. While that's not necessarily something that a normal
- 20 human being might do faced with a police officer, it is still
- 21 not indicative of a mental health issue.
- 22 So there is no factual information, personal
- 23 knowledge, that this officer had of mental health, and their
- 24 defense is suicide by cop. So they are trying to inject their
- 25 defense, or what they are saying is through their defense that

- 1 they want to advance, that allows them the ability to get into
- 2 the mental health treatment of the Plaintiff, if there were
- 3 any, and the cases that have considered that in Illinois, that
- 4 would be strictly prohibited if this were in Illinois. There
- 5 is that Reda case.
- And in the circuits that I have found, there is one
- 7 in the D.C. Circuit. There is one in the Second Circuit. I
- 8 didn't cite district court cases elsewhere for that
- 9 proposition, but the circuit court cases that I found that
- 10 directly addressed it, they both said, no, the defendants
- 11 cannot get at mental health treatment by injecting it on their
- 12 own, that the Plaintiff has to do it, and here the only place
- 13 where the Plaintiff has done it is through the boilerplate
- 14 language in the complaint, and I do submit it is boilerplate
- 15 language, and it is the garden variety, and it is as stated in
- 16 the answers to interrogatories.
- 17 So that's the primary thing is that Plaintiff, from
- 18 my position, has not injected mental health into this case,
- 19 and since the Plaintiff hasn't done that, then the Defendants
- 20 shouldn't be able to get it, no different than if I tried to
- 21 get -- and I have tried to get -- police officers'
- 22 psychological/mental health screenings before they are hired
- 23 by police departments many times, and every single time I'm
- 24 shot down. I know there is a case out of this division that
- 25 has allowed it in the past, but generally speaking I have

- 1 never been able to get it. So I think that's the one
- 2 exception.
- 3 THE COURT: There you go.
- 4 MR. FOUTRIS: Right. There is exceptions, I suppose,
- 5 always.
- 6 THE COURT: Because I know I have. I know I have
- 7 allowed it.
- 8 MR. FOUTRIS: Right. I'm just saying that generally
- 9 speaking, it is not something I can get, and what I'm always
- 10 told is the same thing that I always argue as a plaintiff's
- 11 attorney, is that "I haven't put this into it," and my
- 12 intention is to not ask anything at all about mental health
- 13 treatment that my client has undergone, not ask about any
- 14 diagnoses. So these are the things that I intend to do.
- 15 Again, I don't know what my client is going to do. I
- 16 can't control a client at a deposition. He may start saying
- 17 all sorts of things, and it may open the door, but that is not
- 18 what the intention is. That is not what the intention has
- 19 been in this case. But in a nutshell, our position is, my
- 20 position is, that we haven't injected it into the case, and
- 21 the Defendants don't get it just because they feel it will
- 22 help their defense.
- THE COURT: Okay. Hold on one second.
- Go ahead.
- 25 MR. BRUEGGEN: Just to respond, Judge, I think here

- 1 it is different than trying to get an officer's mental health
- 2 history from when he signed up with the police force where it
- 3 is more of a fishing expedition. Here we have basically
- 4 examples of suicidal comments, that there is this potential of
- 5 this suicidal nature of the Plaintiff. I think it at least
- 6 warrants discovery into that.
- 7 Plaintiff argues that we are going to defend on a
- 8 suicide by cop. That's not our intent. That's a potential,
- 9 but we are defending based on a reasonable shooting,
- 10 reasonable use of force, and that might explain why the
- 11 Plaintiff did what he did, as Plaintiff's counsel said,
- 12 charged at the cop. That might help provide context to why he
- 13 did what he did.
- 14 The other thing, again, this is just discovery. We
- 15 are just seeking this to find out what is out there. It may
- 16 turn out there is nothing to it, it may turn out there is
- 17 something to it, but, again, we will be having a similar fight
- 18 later on when it comes to trial for admissibility. So we
- 19 think we are entitled to it from a discovery nature to find
- 20 out all the information about the Plaintiff, what he brought
- 21 to the situation, as Escobedo allowed.
- MR. FOUTRIS: The only thing I would add, Judge, is
- 23 this evidence about suicide and this evidence about
- 24 prescription medication and all that, that all came about
- 25 after the fact. This is stuff that was uncovered either by

- 1 the Illinois State Police or by a search warrant to his
- 2 mother's house. It is nothing they knew beforehand. And in
- 3 the cases where there is suicide by cop, a lot of that stuff
- 4 is known ahead of time. It doesn't usually come out after the
- 5 fact. It has to do with what the officer knew at that time,
- 6 which he didn't know any of this.
- Frankly, based on yesterday's deposition, he knew
- 8 that there had been a prior incident earlier on that shift
- 9 involving a domestic with his mother and that the Plaintiff
- 10 had a switchblade -- or not a switchblade, some type of a
- 11 knife on him at that time. That's essentially all he knew.
- MR. BRUEGGEN: Judge, we would agree with that, that
- 13 it doesn't go to the Defendant's state of mind. It goes to,
- 14 basically, the Plaintiff's state of mind, what he was doing at
- 15 the time, not what the Defendant knew. We agree with that.
- 16 THE COURT: Right. They are not mutually exclusive.
- 17 Because it is an excessive force, it is slightly different
- 18 than search, probable cause, and what an officer knew.
- 19 So let me ask you this: Mr. Foutris, he has already
- 20 said multiple times that they are only seeking "garden
- 21 variety" damages, and you take the Plaintiff's deposition, and
- 22 the Plaintiff says, "I felt bad, I was nervous, I couldn't
- 23 sleep for a little bit," that kind of stuff, and he doesn't
- 24 goes sideways like in Flowers, prompted by plaintiff's
- 25 counsel, by the way. That would seem to address your concern

- 1 about damages, right?
- 2 MR. BRUEGGEN: Yes, to some extent. I mean, again,
- 3 it depends on how far he goes down that line.
- 4 THE COURT: And that's why I said after the
- 5 deposition and making those assumptions, right?
- 6 MR. BRUEGGEN: Yes.
- 7 THE COURT: Okay. That would address the damages
- 8 issue.
- 9 MR. BRUEGGEN: Correct, Judge.
- 10 THE COURT: And you have already said multiple times
- 11 that that's kind of where it is going. Of course you can't
- 12 stop a plaintiff mid-sentence in a deposition. I mean, you
- 13 can do it and say, "Here is what we are doing," but you can
- 14 still have a stipulation that addresses that, although I think
- 15 Judge Cole dropped a footnote and says it doesn't work that
- 16 way, but don't tell him I said that I would allow it.
- 17 That would address -- Mr. Foutris, would that address
- 18 from your perspective the damage component to it?
- 19 MR. FOUTRIS: Yes, I mean if he sticks to what I hope
- 20 he sticks to.
- 21 THE COURT: Okay. All right. We have all been in
- 22 depositions and been subjected to our client saying things
- 23 that we never ever knew was going to come out of their mouth,
- 24 and it flies out, and you are stuck with it.
- 25 So that would address -- I mean, what I'm leaning

- 1 towards is seeing how -- entering and continuing the motion to
- 2 see how the deposition plays out. That would address the
- 3 damages component to what's in front of me. It doesn't
- 4 address the relevance, corroborating evidence or lack thereof
- 5 issue, or even recollection, ability to recall. If someone is
- 6 on drugs or having a psychotic break, what's their ability to
- 7 recall, maybe a jury should hear that.
- 8 So Mr. Foutris is correct that generally, and you
- 9 agree, that generally if it is not known, it might not come in
- 10 at trial, but there is that Sherrod or Sherrod case, versus
- 11 Berry, and then Escobedo when that came out that talk about
- 12 not overruling but severely limiting a decision. It talks
- 13 about the officer may not know about it, but all this
- 14 information that the officer did not know can be used to
- 15 corroborate the officer's version of the events that a person
- 16 who is having those issues, whether they be drug-induced or
- 17 alcohol-induced or mental illness-induced, that their behavior
- 18 is consistent with one or the other. So my little
- 19 wait-and-see doesn't address that.
- MR. FOUTRIS: Well, what I would say to that, Judge,
- 21 is a lot of those cases come out of the whole, was he armed or
- 22 wasn't he armed, where the plaintiffs say, "Well, he never had
- 23 a gun on him," and the question is, "Well, it doesn't matter
- 24 if he did or didn't," and the arguments that plaintiffs
- 25 oftentimes make are that, "Well, if he had -- if he did not

- 1 have a gun, then he would never have made that furtive
- 2 movement," and from my memory of the case law, it is
- 3 basically, "Well, he was unarmed, and it doesn't matter at the
- 4 end of the day." That's just the way I recall that.
- 5 THE COURT: Right. And that's what some of those
- 6 cases -- you are correct, Mr. Foutris, some cases go that way,
- 7 but some also talk about it going beyond that. It goes to
- 8 support the different versions of the events.
- 9 If the defendant says, "This person is acting
- 10 erratically, and I told the plaintiff/citizen to stop, to do
- 11 certain things, and they didn't do it," and that's their
- 12 version, and there is no video, and then the plaintiff
- 13 testifies, "I did everything they told me to do," now you have
- 14 got a conflict, which is why we have jury trials. Then
- 15 evidence of mental health and drugs and alcohol can come in to
- 16 support the defendant's version that you have people who are
- 17 suffering from those effects, they don't listen to directions,
- 18 they act erratically, they charge, they do all those kind of
- 19 things, whether or not they have a weapon. That's what I'm
- 20 struggling with. I think we can address the whole damages
- 21 issue with a wait-and-see. My concern is the other component
- 22 to it.
- MR. FOUTRIS: From my perspective, I think the Jaffe
- 24 court recognized that there is a psychotherapist/patient
- 25 privilege.

- 1 THE COURT: There is.
- 2 MR. FOUTRIS: I think what we are talking about still
- 3 is the Defendants overcoming that privilege by way of a
- 4 defense, and that's when I come back to this Second Circuit
- 5 and the D.C. Circuit cases which say that they can't get the
- 6 mental health in without the Plaintiff first injecting it
- 7 because it is a privilege. It is no different than any other
- 8 privilege.
- 9 THE COURT: It is a privilege. Privileges can be
- 10 waived.
- MR. FOUTRIS: They can.
- 12 THE COURT: And that's where the Doe case comes in,
- 13 and then the Taylor case addresses a lot of the issues that I
- 14 was struggling with, because when you read Doe, and it comes
- 15 way at the end, a Judge Posner afterthought -- "Here, I'm
- 16 going to screw this up for everybody with a couple
- 17 paragraphs" -- it talks about Jaffe. It is a privilege.
- 18 So what you have is privilege, general proposition.
- 19 Privilege applies. Exception at issue. It is waived. And
- 20 then exception to the exception unless it is garden variety.
- 21 So it is a three-step dance: Privilege, waived, not waived if
- 22 it is garden variety. So the question is, well, how was it
- 23 waived? So you put it at issue, even with the boilerplate
- 24 that you discussed.
- 25 Doe says you do. That's my reading of Doe, and I'm

- 1 not alone on that. Not only does Judge Lee say that, I forgot
- 2 what other circuits do. Well, somebody in the future may tell
- 3 me that I am misreading Doe and that I will just be in a group
- 4 of people that have misread Doe. There is a bunch of us.
- 5 So Doe, my reading of Doe, puts the Seventh Circuit
- 6 in the "It is waived just by pleading it." I don't like that,
- 7 and that's why I think you have the cases. You have Judge
- 8 Kennelly's decision before Doe, going through the whole
- 9 analysis, and it makes some sense, and then Doe comes out, and
- 10 then you have got the judges kind of figure out, "Okay, well,
- 11 where does this land?" It is a pretty harsh result, and
- 12 that's why I think you get the decisions where people are
- 13 trying to avoid making the decisions, like I'm trying to do
- 14 right now, okay, because I think that's what Doe says.
- 15 And then Judge Lee's decision in Taylor, it addresses
- 16 all those issues, including whether there was an intentional
- 17 infliction of emotional distress claim, because I remember
- 18 that Doe case, and then there was one, but then they dropped
- 19 it. So I thought maybe that was the reason, the unstated
- 20 reason for Doe, but because that claim was voluntarily
- 21 dismissed, it couldn't have been, unless somebody didn't see
- 22 it.
- 23 So here is what we are going to do: Take the
- 24 Plaintiff's deposition. I'm going to enter and continue the
- 25 motion. We will see what happens at the deposition. We will

- 1 have a status after that and we will see where things stand.
- 2 If that's the testimony, "I couldn't sleep for a couple days,"
- 3 those type of things, "I've lost weight, I've lost weight,"
- 4 you know, that's all sort of the garden variety. "I was
- 5 nervous and all that, I was nervous for a while, I felt
- 6 depressed for a week, "okay, yes, that's garden variety.
- 7 If it is "I won't leave my house, I'm terrified of
- 8 anybody who has a sidearm, my hair is falling out, I have lost
- 9 200 pounds, all because" -- okay, well, then, now we have got
- 10 a different issue. So let's see how that deposition testimony
- 11 comes about, and I will enter and continue the motion.
- MR. BRUEGGEN: Judge, what about the Escobedo issue,
- 13 about the Plaintiff -- you take the Plaintiff as he interjects
- 14 himself, with what he brought to the situation?
- 15 THE COURT: That's why I have entered and continued
- 16 the motion.
- 17 MR. BRUEGGEN: Okay. So then would we be entitled to
- 18 a second deposition of the Plaintiff if he opens the door to
- 19 mental health? We would then be able to subpoena his mental
- 20 health records and re-depose him on those issues?
- 21 THE COURT: I have a feeling Mr. Foutris is going to
- 22 talk to his client a couple of times before the deposition.
- 23 If it happens, do this, call me from the deposition and let me
- 24 know what is going on, okay?
- 25 And then as to the, what we will call, the "Escobedo

- 1 issue," that's why I'm entering and continuing the motion,
- 2 okay? Because that's a separate issue in my mind.
- 3 MR. FOUTRIS: I mean, I know it is a separate issue,
- 4 Judge, but just from my perspective, practically speaking, if
- 5 it is going to end up coming in on one issue or the other,
- 6 then I may as well not, you know --
- 7 THE COURT: That's a good point. Why limit it?
- 8 MR. FOUTRIS: Right.
- 9 THE COURT: Well, think about it. You kind of know
- 10 where I'm going.
- 11 MR. FOUTRIS: I know.
- 12 THE COURT: Think about it, and then why don't
- 13 you -- do we have a date for the Plaintiff's deposition?
- MR. FOUTRIS: We don't, Judge.
- MR. BRUEGGEN: We have a tentative timing based on
- 16 Mr. Foutris's trial schedule. He is kind of slammed the next
- 17 couple of months.
- 18 THE COURT: I just told him that.
- MR. FOUTRIS: Right. I had a couple trials that I
- 20 thought were going to settle, and they are not. So one of the
- 21 things we were -- well, not "we," but I was going to ask
- 22 today, and I don't like to ask for extensions, but I was going
- 23 to ask for an extension of fact discovery. Right now we have
- 24 until the end of August. Just to let the court know the
- 25 rationale for it, I have a trial in May, a trial in June. The

- 1 one in June will probably take at least a week just for jury
- 2 selection.
- 3 THE COURT: Extend fact discovery until November 2nd,
- 4 2018.
- 5 MR. FOUTRIS: I would ask, if we could, until the end
- 6 of the year.
- 7 THE COURT: I will give you that, but that will be
- 8 the drop dead. I won't move it beyond that.
- 9 MR. FOUTRIS: Right.
- 10 THE COURT: Okay. That will be the drop-dead date,
- 11 12/31/2018.
- 12 Expert deadlines remain reserved.
- I will strike the dispositive motion date. That's
- 14 set for October 31st. I will strike that and set it for -- it
- is an excessive force case; please don't file a dispositive
- 16 motion -- January 31st for dispositive motions. That's
- 17 January 31st, 2019.
- What's your best estimate on deposing the Plaintiff?
- 19 When do you think that --
- MR. BRUEGGEN: End of June.
- 21 THE COURT: Realistically.
- MR. FOUTRIS: We were talking about the end of June.
- 23 We do have -- we took the Defendant's deposition yesterday.
- 24 The two first responding officers -- I think were the first
- 25 two responding officers, after the fact -- are being deposed

- 1 tomorrow, and we don't have any other set depositions pending
- 2 today's motion hearing --
- 3 THE COURT: Okay.
- 4 MR. FOUTRIS: -- and some scheduling issues.
- 5 THE COURT: July 10th at -- I can do 9:00 or 1:30 for
- 6 a telephonic.
- 7 MR. FOUTRIS: I may be out of the country, but if I
- 8 am -- right now that works, Judge.
- 9 THE COURT: Okay.
- 10 MR. FOUTRIS: But --
- 11 THE COURT: They still have phones in Greece, right?
- MR. FOUTRIS: Huh?
- 13 THE COURT: They still have phones in Greece? I
- 14 don't know the time difference.
- MR. FOUTRIS: Eight hours.
- 16 THE COURT: Okay. Do you want to go with the 17th?
- 17 Will you be back by then?
- MR. FOUTRIS: I would ask that we keep it to the
- 19 10th, and if for whatever reason I do end up being out of
- 20 town, I may contact counsel and see if we can, with the
- 21 court's permission, of course, move it back a week or two
- 22 after that, depending on when that is.
- 23 THE COURT: So 7/10.
- MR. BRUEGGEN: 7/10 is fine.
- 25 THE COURT: 9:00 or 1:30?

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             MR. FOUTRIS: Doesn't matter to me.
             MR. BRUEGGEN: Either one.
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             THE COURT: Let's put it at 1:30.
             So it will be entered and continued. You know where
 4
    I'm coming from, okay?
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             MR. FOUTRIS: Thank you, Judge.
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             MR. BRUEGGEN: We will talk in the meantime and see
    if we can't sort things out otherwise.
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             THE COURT: And if you need a settlement conference,
    you let me know.
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             MR. FOUTRIS: Thank you, Judge.
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             THE COURT: Thank you.
      (Which were all the proceedings heard.)
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      I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from
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    the record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter.
    /s/ Heather M. Perkins-Reiva
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